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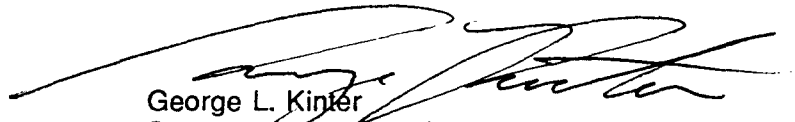
Dear Mr. Ciavattieri:

We appreciate receiving the draft Baseline Public Health and Environmental Risk Assessment prepared for EPA on New Bedford Harbor by E. C. Jordan.

We did not review the draft from a technical viewpoint and have no comments on it. We do, however, wish to remind you of the economic damage assessment reports prepared by NOAA in 1986 in the event that any of our material may be relevant to EPA's risk assessment. Copies of the three damage assessment reports were sent several months ago to Ms. Beth Ryan at E. C. Jordan. Because we did not include the tabulation of the beach-use/recreational fishing survey conducted in connection with our studies on these subjects, I am forwarding a copy of that document with this letter.

Please feel free to use any material from these reports that may be relevant to the risk assessment.

Sincerely yours,


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Superfund Program Coordinator

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